



FLORIDA SENATE

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DISTRICT 30

# THE SACHS- SENTINEL

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## Back in the District



### Senator Sachs on Memorial Day

Senator Sachs observed Memorial Day this year on the heels of sponsoring numerous bills regarding veterans this past legislative session. With 1.7 million veterans, Florida has the second largest veteran population in the nation and the largest number of disabled veterans. One of the bills she sponsored extends property tax relief to veterans currently living in Florida, but who were not residents when they entered military service. The result is that the number of qualifying veterans for property tax exemptions will increase from 1,206 to up to 74,000 veterans. **"Each of these brave men and women sacrificed for our country and then decided to move to our beautiful state,"** said Senator Sachs. **"They should still be able to access these benefits meant to thank them for all that they have done for America."**



Sen. Sachs meets with leaders of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Senator Sachs Supports Homeowners



Sen. Sachs speaking to the residents of Woodfield Country Club.

Senator Sachs recently spoke at the Woodfield Country Club in Boca Raton, where she met homeowners for a "town hall" meeting. Senator Sachs spoke on the provisions of the new condo bill, which grants additional authority to associations for recovery of unpaid assessments of foreclosed properties. The bill passed the legislature and is on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. **"There is no reason that associations should bear an additional financial burden because of the actions of delinquent homeowners,"** said Senator Sachs.

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## Senator Sachs Makes Local TV Appearances



WPTV's Rochelle Richie interviewing Sen. Sachs.

Senator Sachs was recently interviewed by WPTV Chanel 5 regarding the failure of the Republican Governor and majority in the Florida Legislature to adequately fund public education. Senator Sachs noted that the FY 2012 budget that Governor Scott signed into law gives corporations tax cuts of \$30 million—enough to prevent the 700 layoffs facing the Palm Beach County School Board this budget cycle. The Senator also spoke to the constitutional requirement of the State of Florida to adequately fund public education.

**“Article IX of the Florida Constitution requires that our state provide a ‘uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools,’”** said Senator Sachs. **“We need to hold Governor Scott and the conservative majority in the Florida Legislature accountable for cutting \$1.3 billion to public education in Florida.”**

## Senator Sachs Supports Holocaust Fee Waiver Program

An estimated 12,500 Holocaust survivors and their families in Florida are being assessed an international wire transfer fee from foreign governments awarding compensation, ranging from \$10 to \$40 a transaction. This transfer fee amounts to a 10% tax on each payment the survivor receives, and is a significant financial burden considering on Florida's elderly. For a list of participating financial institutions in Florida, additional information and contact numbers regarding Holocaust insurance claims, a generic fee waiver form for financial institutions, as well as the Insurance Claims Legislation and the Holocaust Victims Insurance Act, contact Senator Sachs' office. If you or a family member is a Holocaust Survivor and your bank is not participating in the program, please contact us and we will reach out to your financial institution on your behalf.



Senator Sachs at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum South Florida luncheon with her husband, Peter and his parents, Nina and Sam, both survivors.



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